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ILLINOIS MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY USING THE INTERNET

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on May 16, 2007, Randy D. Winslow of Tilton, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on a charge of distribution of child pornography.

The one-count indictment named Winslow, age 42, as the sole defendant in the indictment.

According to the indictment presented to the court, Winslow used the Internet to distribute child pornography from Illinois to Alaska on April 25, 2007.

Assistant United States Attorney Retta Randall, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Upon conviction, a mandatory minimum sentence of five years imprisonment also applies to the sole count. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses, and any criminal history, if applicable.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

This case is prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood combines federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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